

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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: EMBOSSED CARRIER TAPE

FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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AMENDMENT AND

ELECTION

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of February 1, 2002, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on March 1, 2002.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 7 and 23. Kindly also rewrite claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11-17, 20-22,

and 27 so that a complete set of the pending claims will read as follows (it being noted that an attachment is appended to this Amendment to show how the rewritten claims differ from the previous version of these claims):

1. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape, comprising:

a plurality of device pockets in which electronic devices are held; and
support portions formed at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets,
wherein the support portions are step-shaped to receive and support the